

Survey Results: Recreational Programming

Survey Info - This survey was sent on behalf of the Town of Los Altos Hills to the FlashVote community for Los Altos Hills, CA.

These FlashVote results are shared with local officials

177


Total Participants

174 of 401 initially invited (43%)
3 others
Margin of error: ± 7%

Applied Filter:
Locals only

Participants for filter:
149

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Started:
Aug 1, 2022 1:03pm PDT

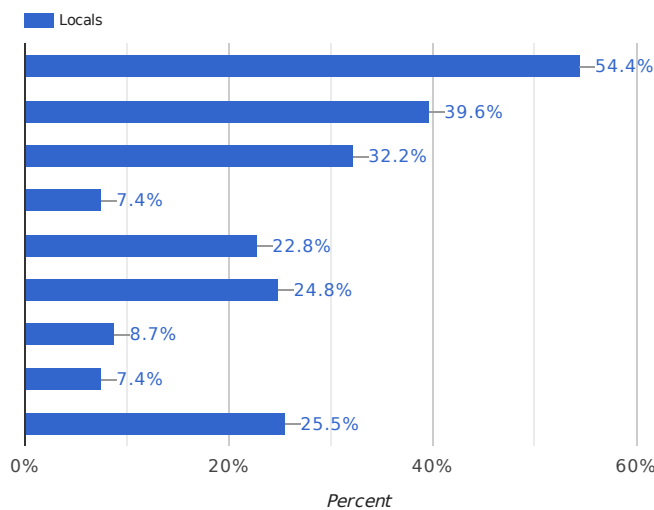
Ended:
Aug 3, 2022 1:06pm PDT

Target Participants:
All Los Altos Hills

Q1 Which of the following Los Altos Hills events have you or your family attended? (Choose all that apply, if any)

(149 responses by)

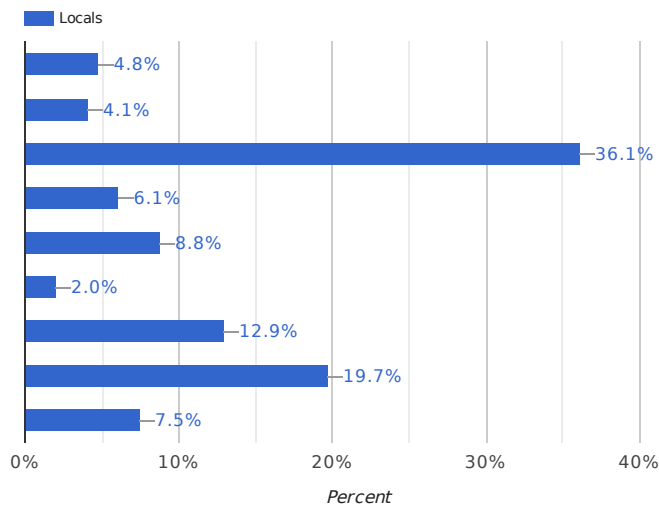
Options	Locals (149)
Town Picnic	54.4% (81)
4th of July Parade	39.6% (59)
Pathways Run/Walk	32.2% (48)
Movie Night	7.4% (11)
Hoedown	22.8% (34)
Earth Day Celebration	24.8% (37)
New Year's Day Hike	8.7% (13)
Caroling in the Hills	7.4% (11)
None of these	25.5% (38)



Q2 Which of the following other Los Altos Hills events have you or your family attended? (Choose all that apply, if any)

(147 responses by)

Options	Locals (147)
Adult Softball Game	4.8% (7)
Touch a Truck	4.1% (6)
Drive Thru Shred Event	36.1% (53)
Trick or Treat at Town Hall	6.1% (9)
Chamber Music Concert	8.8% (13)
Leadership Conference	2.0% (3)
Hoppin' Hounds Biscuit Hunt	12.9% (19)
Barn Lighting	19.7% (29)
Other:	7.5% (11)



los altos hills wine vintners wine tasting at the town center

October wildfire Halloween event

Annual mayor confirmation, Grassroots Ecology events, educational events hosted by committees

Marsha Hovey's PSPS training and the emergency preparation fairs

Not sure of name, but it was at the Barn last summer

Easter Egg Hunt, Bear sculpture self-guided tour

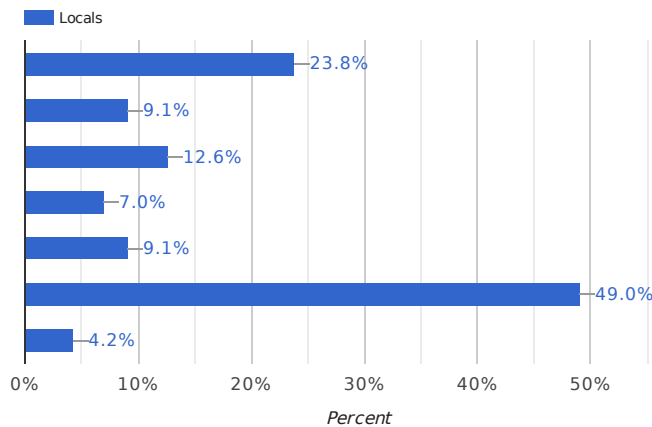
art affair and beer festival

None

Q3 In the last few years, which types of Town recreation programs have you or your family participated in, if any? (Choose all that apply)

(143 responses by)

Options	Locals (143)
Educational workshops/programs (LAH history, Composting, Cooking, Art, etc.)	23.8% (34)
Fitness programs (Yoga, Bootcamp, Pilates, etc.)	9.1% (13)
Senior programs (Senior walks, Senior scam prevention, Technology classes, etc.)	12.6% (18)
Horseback Riding Lessons or Camps	7.0% (10)
Youth Baseball/Softball	9.1% (13)
None of these	49.0% (70)
Other:	4.2% (6)



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Senior life events information series

Was not aware of educational or fitness programs. Potentially interested or could be in conjunctio

Wine Tasting

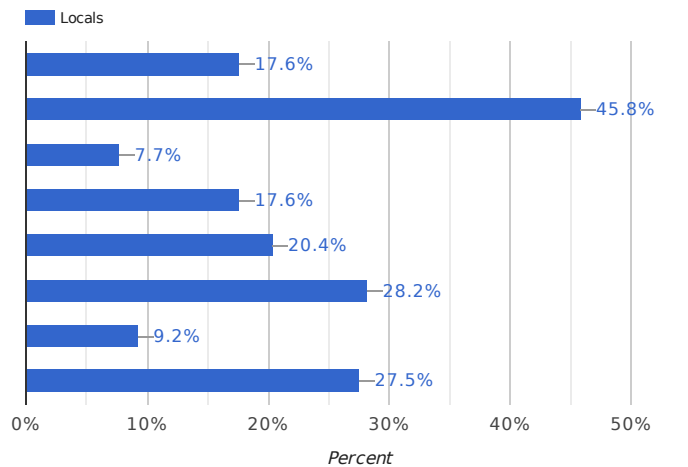
Please stop instagram announcements re our preserves. A town our does not need all this outreach.

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Q4 Which of the following best describes what you think about Town events and recreational programs in Los Altos Hills? (You can choose up to TWO)

(142 responses by)

Options	Locals (142)
I think Los Altos Hills needs more Town events	17.6% (25)
I think Los Altos Hills has about the right amount of Town events	45.8% (65)
I think Los Altos Hills could have fewer Town events	7.7% (11)
Not sure about Town events	17.6% (25)
I think Los Altos Hills needs more Town recreational programs	20.4% (29)
I think Los Altos Hills has about the right amount of Town recreational programs	28.2% (40)
I think Los Altos Hills could have fewer Town recreational programs	9.2% (13)
Not sure about Town recreational programs	27.5% (39)



Q5 Any other comments or suggestions about new (or existing) events or recreational programs that we could provide here in Los Altos Hills?

(50 responses by)

community resident education done
 think interested nice altos attend
 need town like recreation
 courts neighbors hill organic
 space los event great draw
 people meet walk
 live picnic love see park etc
 old please
 kid plant programs pathway really
 give parade everyone run classes horse native enjoy

i don't have any ideas right now

In my family's 23 years here, the town events other than the biggies (picnic, 7/4 parade, pathway run) always look to be sparsely attended, even the fitness classes and workshops. Los Altos classes and workshops have so many more people to draw from that it's more interesting to go to those, even at the non-resident rate.

Social hours?

Not sure what's available. I follow nextdoor website and don't see recreation options. Might be interested in neighborly activities like pot-lucks to meet and greet neighbors.

The senior life planning sequence was very helpful and well done. Need more programs that give insight to state actions that can have serious impact to the environment that we all pay high taxes to enjoy. More education about town, county, state directions that critically impact us. Just because we don't always attend council or PC doesn't excuse town leaders responsibility to ensure an informed public beyond the meetings. Reach out, have regular virtual coffee chats with Mayor, town manager, same as Sheriff Capt does!!

events seemed geared to really young or really old. What about us working professionals?

We love the local events!

I would like us to have a multi activity field, such as for soccer. And I wish we had a couple tennis/pickleball courts. Too much scarce space is devoted to baseball

I think the Parks & Rec dept does a great job. The staff is so outgoing and friendly. They make everyone feel welcome.

Sorry we haven't participated in the events in the last year, we were worried about covid-19.

I like that the fun run and Hoppin hounds draws in residents of other communities.

It would be nice if we had more events like Los Altos or Los Gatos. The programs offered by Los Altos hills are done poorly or are not interesting. We live in Silicon Valley, not woodland, or Dixon. Get a clue.

Native gardens. Replacing old landscapes with water wise plantings. Workshops on how to reduce water consumption in landscapes.

We are new to LAH and cant wait to try these events out.

We need a better notification system. I didn't know these events were taking place.

Horse riding is great for kids and passing pathways walkers.

I would appreciate more recreational / educational programs on Tuesday/Thurs/Sat.

I think the events & recreation should reflect the culture of our town - not just a list of every common event/recreation. There are so many options in neighboring towns (that we have to drive to for shopping) and we can participate in recreation & events there. Hoedown, Earthday, Picnic & Pathway Run are in line with our Town's identity.

I think the town events do well when there is a clear target group. For example, Earth Day is great for little kids and young families. They love the live animal shows.

We live in a semi-rural town with several wonderful open spaces to enjoy. I'd like to see some docent-led events, such as bird watching, offered outdoors, perhaps in our open spaces.

Please spend the town's limited budget on more useful purposes, such as free removal of deadwood to prevent wildfires.

Native plant list Bird safety with all of the wall to ceiling windows written into building codes.

The upcoming LAH TEDx talk is something that should be done annually.

I support a close coordination with Los Altos focused on the new Los Altos Community center.

I'm more interested in recreational FACILITIES, than organized programs. Would like to see a pool, tennis courts, hybrid (zoom and in-person) meeting space and maybe a maker space. I don't need another "walk with the city manager" or 2 block long parade.

None

I'd really like to help with pushing for a skate Park in Los Altos Hills. Potentially, somewhere in Purisima Park. Happy to get signatures and help with fundraising.

Would highly recommend CPR training for all adults! Suggest working with Los Altos so LAH residents could attend LA classes

I think the rec programs are overpriced.

like what we have now

More evening adult events, wine tasting, get to know your neighbors, etc.

The Vines & Wines event was not listed, but it draws a big crowd. Vines & Wines takes place every two years. I love this event!

Publicizing the events better would be nice. We hadn't heard most of the events listed.

More events for kids

We should stop wasting resources on random / disconnected walkways and instead focus energy and resources on coherent town planning for recreation. For instance, sidewalks and parking in areas near open space preserve so everyone can enjoy. For instance, more tennis courts and kid-friendly parks with outdoor cook spaces that bring community together. I'd be happy as a resident to give up the front easement for a walkway if it connected to anything but the current process of one house at a time leaves a patchwork that is totally useless, expensive (as each homeowner does it at less than scale), and a future maintenance headache as all the path segments are from dramatically different vintages. Ease ease please stop this lunacy. I have three young children and would love a real sidewalk and would love parking near my house - which is close to the open space entry. It's not about NIMBY, it's just frustrating as hell in the current useless approach.

Thank you for such a great town!

Difficult to walk in the hills since sidewalks are just gravel if one exists; cars park on walk areas, elderly forced to walk on street to avoid trips. Fix walking areas and stop parking where I should be able to walk. Too dangerous

We LOVE the town picnic. It would be nice to have not just one event but two. How about a Town Holiday Party?

Glad to see the town is seeking advice from its citizens

Build a few pickle ball courts near little league fields

more frequent shredding

Stop almost all programs. Most of our population is old, have pools and belong to private clubs for recreation.

Outdoor concerts, dine/wine festivals

I like town of Los Altos Hill.

Horses in the July 4 parade, or some other event to celebrate horses like Woodside Day of the Horse or Portola Valley Horse Fair. Also some pick-up (free) games to get residents connected that don't require baseball skills...soccer, frisbee, etc? Gardening tips or education that is not expensive to attend and promotes native/fraught tolerant plants. More emphasis on organic community activities like the farm stands. Maybe a prize or recognition for checking in via phone at all of the major town pathways to encourage people to explore the system. More demonstrations by Westwind barn drill team. A picnic in the park (Byrne Preserve) to encourage connections between residents. A combined scavenger hunt around town with teams of a dog walker, biker, equestrian, and runner.

More communication about events. We live off of Summerhill and it doesn't feel like it is remembered like the section of town near Gardner Bullis and Town Hall with the park, the photo frame, the nice up kept pathways, etc.

I think the Town should have more kids programs

Movie nights, concerts

Would love to see the town organize environmental stewardship events to foster both community engagement and education about our local wildlife and habitat restoration. Some ideas are planting milkweed, learning about native plants and where to purchase them for your yard or garden. Water wise landscaping tours and plant giveaways. Creek restoration. Product sample booth at fairs that display environmentally friendly products like plastic free shampoo/conditioner solid bars, Laundry soap dissolvable sheets, wool dryer balls, 'Who Gives a Crap' toilet paper, sponge cloths (also called swedish dish cloths) to replace (lessen use of) paper towels, reusable produce bags and snack bags, biodegradable bags/utensils/straws, etc. Rainwater harvesting info session or green building remodeling expert talks. Let's try to be leaders and share knowledge about environmental/sustainable best practices.

I walk 3 + miles a day. Really enjoy it. Other than golf don't need anything.